

**Request for One-Month Extension of Time to Respond:**

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action, mailed October 20, 2004, in the above-captioned patent application. As a result of this request, the deadline to respond shall be extended up to and including **February 22, 2005.**<sup>1</sup> Applicants are enclosing a check including the amount of \$120 covering the requisite, large entity fee (Fee Code 1251) for a one-month extension of time to respond. Nevertheless, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicants and those determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), please charge any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375.

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<sup>1</sup> February 20, 2005, is a Sunday, and February 21, 2005, is a Federal holiday in The District of Columbia. The next business day for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is Tuesday, February 22, 2005.